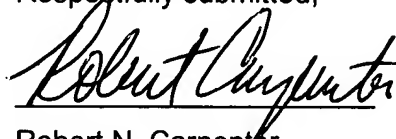


REMARKS:

Applicant believes that this application contains patentable subject matter and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. If any matter needs to be resolved before allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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